3rd August 1955]

Mathur Sanskrit School, Palghat.

* 1897 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the **Minister** for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Mathur Sanskrit School, Palghat, Malabar, was closed ;

(*b*) whether any grant was paid to the Mathur Sanskrit School, Palghat, even after it was closed ;

(*c*) whether the Superintendent of Oriental Schools or any other Senior Officer of the Education Department visited the place after the school was closed; and

(*d*) if so, when and what his remarks were?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The actual date of closure of the school is not known. The correspondent of the Mathur Sanskrit School, Palghat, applied for closure of the school in June 1949. The recognition for the school was withdrawn with effect from 1st April 1947. No grant was paid to the school after its closure. The last instalment of grant was paid to the school for the year 1946–47 in February 1948.

" (*c*) The Junior Deputy Inspector of Schools, Palghat, visited the school thrice during the years 1947–49. In addition, two annual inspections were also made by the Inspecting Officers during the period.

" (*d*) The reports are that the school was not functioning regularly, the attendance was poor and most of the teachers were absent. Sometimes the school was found closed."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In the event of such a closure of that institution which has been catering to the needs of the children living in the locality, what alternative provision has been made either by private agencies or by Government to see that the children do not go without education? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this is not with reference to the elementary school to which reference was made in the former question. This is with reference to a Sanskrit school for which no need was felt."

* 1898-A[a] *Q.* –

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the Hon. Minister is not able to trace the correct answer readily, this question will be taken up tomorrow."

Sreekrishnapuram High School Committee.

* 1898-C *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether as ordered by the Collector the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Ltd., Sreekrishnapuram, Walluvanad, Malabar, has got back the amount advanced to the Sreekrishnapuram High School Committee?

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[a] **Taken up at the end of the question hour.**